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THis day was published the following *Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen.*

By the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of *London.*

WHereas an *Indignity hath lately been offered to the Picture of his* Royal Highness *the Duke of* York, *in the* Guild-Hall *of the said City, which cannot be understood otherwise then an effect of Malice against his Person; The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the said City, out of a just and due regard to the Honour of his Royal Highness, and their deep Resentment of that Insolent and Villanous Act (to be abhorred by every Good and Loyal Subject) and being greatly concerned, and desirous to find out the Author thereof, do unanimously Publish and Declare, That if any Person or Persons know of, or can discover the Person who committed that Fact; the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen will not only kindly Receive, and Acknowledge his or their Discovery, as a most acceptable Service to the said City, but the Person or Persons that shall make the said Discovery, either to the Lord Mayor or the said Court, so as the Person be Apprehended and Convicted thereof, he or they shall thereupon receive a Reward of Five hundred pounds.* Dated this 27th day of *January*, in the 33 year of His Majesties Reign.

WAGSTAFFE.

Brussels, Jan 23. Some days since arrived here an Officer from *Luxemburg*, who tell us, that that place continues to be very closely bloc'd up; and that the French had fallen upon 10 or 12 Spaniards, who went out to gather Wood, and had killed two of them. The Duke of *Norfolke* came hither this Evening from *Liege*, the difference between him and the Seneschal of *Hainault* being fairly composed. From *Dunkirk* we have an Account, that that Harbor has sufferd very much by the late storms, which have cast up so much Sand, that the Harbor is almost choaked up with them. Monsieur *Christin* parted from hence this Morning for *Courtray*, having received Advice, that Monsieur *Pelletier* was gone thither from *Lille*, so that those Conferences will be renewed. We are expecting to hear from *France*, what Answer has been given to the Memorials of the *English* and *Dutch* Ministers. In the mean time the Prince of *Parma* omits nothing of his usual care for the putting these Provinces into a posture of Defence; and we are told his Highness is going to raise two Regiments of Walloons, and two Regiments more of Horse.

Brussels, Jan. 27. On Saturday last was the first Representation of the *Opera*; which was performed with great applause, and very much to his Highness's satisfaction. On Thursday the Duke and Dutchess of *Norfolk* parted from hence for *England*. The Baron *de Vique* is made a Count of the Empire, and Marquiss of *Abbaville*.

Brussels, Jan. 30. The Storms have for some days past been so violent, with continual Rains, that they have occasioned great overflowings of the Waters, both in *Flanders* and this Province. There are three Villages drowned near *Dendermond*, and a great many more, both above and below *Antwerp*. The whole Countrey lies under Water, between *Newport* and *Ostend*, which latter place had like on Monday last to have been swallowed up by the Sea, all the Outworks being beaten down, and two of the Bastions very much prejudiced. These Floods have stopt our Letters from *Germany*.

Antwerp, Jan. 30. There is a general cry in these Provinces, occasioned by the high Floods, which have done so much harm, that the Losses sustained thereby cannot be estimated: this City, through the overflowing of the River, stood several hours in Water, to the great prejudice of the Merchants, who could not secure their Cellars and Warehouses. The Forts of *Sille*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Margaret*, were in great danger of yielding to the violence of the Waters, which were agitated with so great impetuosity, that the Dykes could no where resist them; but overflowing all the Low Countreys, they swept away whatever they met with. Many Houses, several whole Villages, and a great number of Cattle have been destroyed, and it is reckoned, that near 2000 persons have been Drowned; though several small Boats were sent from hence to save those that were got to the tops of their Houses, where they were ready to famish. This great Flood happened on Monday night last, and it is said that the Waters were now much higher, then in the great Flood 36 years agone. At *Ostend*, *Sas Van Ghent*, and other places, they have likewise suffered very much; and the Harbor of *Dunkirke* is almost choaked up with Sand.

Middleburg, Jan. 29. On Monday last we had a very great Storm at N. W. which was followed that night with a Flood of Water, so violent, that it broke through our Dykes, and did a great deal of harm in many places. The streets here were covered with Water. At *Ulissing* it was worse, and the Town of *Rammekens* had like to have been quite swallowed up, but the condition of the Countrey-people is most deplorable; and their Losses not to be expressed.

Hague, Jan. 31. The violent Storms we have of late had, and particularly on Monday last, has in many places of this Countrey occasioned such terrible inundations of Water, that the like has not been known in the Memory of Man. At *Rotterdam* and